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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111 Address to: Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Attorney Docket Confirmation No.	UCSF084CON 4566
	First Named Inventor	D.J. Julius
	Application Number	09/978,303
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	Group Art Unit	1646
	Examiner Name	J.D. Ulm
	Title	<i>Nucleic acid sequences encoding capsaicin receptor and capsaicin receptor-related polypeptides</i>

Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated July 11, 2003, for which a three-month period for response was given, making this response due on or before October 11, 2003. *A Petition for a one-Month Extension of Time is submitted herewith, making this amendment due on or before November 11, 2003.* Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

In view of the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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